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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.

REMARKS

After entry of this preliminary amendment, the pending claims are claims 7-10. Claims 1-6 are canceled. No new matter is introduced by this preliminary amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to calculating the filing fees.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Specification

Page 1, line 6, before "Background of the Invention", insert

-- **Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This is a continuation of U. S. Patent Application No.

09/242,977, filed February 26, 1999, which is a §371 of PCT/US97/15692, filed September 4, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U. S. Patent Application No. 08/708,188, filed September 6, 1996 and now U. S. Patent No. 5,866,552 and a continuation-in-part of U. S. Patent Application No. 08/729,061, filed October 10, 1996, now abandoned. --

Please enter the attached Abstract of the Disclosure on the attached page.

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In the Claims

Add new claim 11 as follows.

11. A method of delivering a selected transgene to an animal comprising the steps of providing a recombinant adeno-associated virus comprising a selected transgene (rAAV) operably linked to sequences which control expression thereof and administering the rAAV to the animal intramuscularly.

REMARKS

Upon entry of this second preliminary amendment, the claims pending are Claims 7-11. Support for new claim 11 may be found throughout the specification. No new matter is added by this preliminary amendment.

The attached Abstract of the Disclosure is supported throughout the specification.

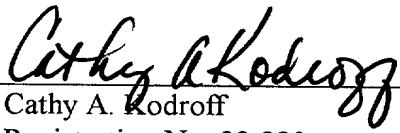
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of prolonging gene expression by reducing immune response to a recombinant adeno-associated virus (AAV) bearing a desired gene administered into the muscle of a mammal is described.

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